



PLAINVILLE

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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Residents feel that the Town of Plainville exemplifies a small, rural community in an idyllic country setting. Geographically positioned along the northeast border of Rhode Island, the commute to Boston or Providence is both quick and convenient. A family oriented community, Plainville is heavily forested, and much of this land is dedicated to conservation through both municipal and private land conservation groups. Augmenting such conservation areas are several parks and recreation areas. Additionally, Plainville lies within both the Ten Mile and Charles River watersheds, forming a "continental divide" as one river flows north to Boston Harbor and the other south to New Bedford. Both rivers offer recreation for canoeists.

The rural nature of the community is further typified by the presence of several horse farms and stables which are widely respected for their breeding and training. Industry, although limited, is characterized by quality craftsmanship and advanced engineering. Of note are such manufacturers as Whiting and Davis, of longstanding international renown, and MediaLogic, a firm on the cutting edge of computer technology.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Wrentham on the north; Foxborough on the east; Mansfield on the southeast; North Attleborough on the south; and Cumberland, Rhode Island, on the west. Plainville is 28 miles north of Fall River; 31 miles southwest of Boston; 14 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 191 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 11.55 sq. miles

Land Area: 11.06 sq. miles

Population: 6,871

Density: 621 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(West Medway Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.8°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Wrentham, Attleborough, Franklin, Pawtucket

Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and
Economic Development District

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 695-3142

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1905

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	3,750		
Democrats	698	18.6	%
Republicans	675	18.0	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,377	63.4	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Plainville town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	7,683	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	7,683	100.0
Male.....	3,795	49.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	73	1.0
Female.....	3,888	50.6	Mexican.....	19	0.2
Under 5 years.....	523	6.8	Puerto Rican.....	3	-
5 to 9 years.....	592	7.7	Cuban.....	3	-
10 to 14 years.....	546	7.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	48	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	462	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	7,610	99.0
20 to 24 years.....	313	4.1	White alone.....	7,380	96.1
25 to 34 years.....	1,144	14.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,402	18.2	Total population.....	7,683	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,038	13.5	In households.....	7,625	99.2
55 to 59 years.....	413	5.4	Householder.....	3,009	39.2
60 to 64 years.....	322	4.2	Spouse.....	1,710	22.3
65 to 74 years.....	502	6.5	Child.....	2,361	30.7
75 to 84 years.....	343	4.5	Own child under 18 years.....	1,868	24.3
85 years and over.....	83	1.1	Other relatives.....	227	3.0
Median age (years).....	36.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	58	0.8
18 years and over.....	5,721	74.5	Nonrelatives.....	318	4.1
Male.....	2,793	36.4	Unmarried partner.....	162	2.1
Female.....	2,928	38.1	In group quarters.....	58	0.8
21 years and over.....	5,498	71.6	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	1,124	14.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	58	0.8
65 years and over.....	928	12.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	384	5.0	Total households.....	3,009	100.0
Female.....	544	7.1	Family households (families).....	2,040	67.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,006	33.4
One race.....	7,633	99.3	Married-couple family.....	1,710	56.8
White.....	7,435	96.8	With own children under 18 years.....	814	27.1
Black or African American.....	54	0.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	239	7.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	-	-	With own children under 18 years.....	150	5.0
Asian.....	125	1.6	Nonfamily households.....	969	32.2
Asian Indian.....	63	0.8	Householder living alone.....	788	26.2
Chinese.....	34	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	274	9.1
Filipino.....	4	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,065	35.1
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	674	22.4
Korean.....	7	0.1	Average household size.....	2.53	(X)
Vietnamese.....	4	0.1	Average family size.....	3.11	(X)
Other Asian ¹	12	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	3,111	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,009	96.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	102	3.3
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	23	0.7
Some other race.....	19	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	50	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	5.8	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	3,009	100.0
White.....	7,478	97.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,180	72.4
Black or African American.....	65	0.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	829	27.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	13	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.76	(X)
Asian.....	142	1.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.95	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	35	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	40
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The Taunton-Attleboro region, where Plainville is located, has excellent highway facilities. Interstate 495, especially well designed south of Boston, provides access to Interstate 90 to the northwest and to U.S. Route 6, the Mid-Cape Highway, to the southeast. Interstate 95 and the Fall River Expressway (State Route 24) provide access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 1 and Interstate Route 495, which form an interchange in Plainville. I-495 also forms an interchange with Interstate Route 95 in neighboring Mansfield.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Plainville, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Plaineville is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority (GATRA), which provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Mansfield Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 2 mi. SE of the city, has a 3,496'x 75' asphalt runway and a 2,200'x 100' turf runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Green Airport in Providence, RI is also easily accessible to Plainville.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Plainville Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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